

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2005-219-C

Budget Phone, Incorporated (“Budget Phone” or the “Company”), pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”) and Sections 54.101 through 54.207 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) has petitioned the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in certain BellSouth, Sprint, and Verizon exchanges (“Designated Area”) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support. According to the Application, Budget Phone has satisfied all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC in the Designated Areas.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2006** before the Commission in the Commission’s Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Persons seeking information about the Commission’s procedures should contact the Commission’s offices by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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